IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA MARTINSBURG

LAZARO QUINONES-CEDENO,

Plaintiff,

v. CIVIL ACTION NO.: 3:20-CV-88

(GROH)

MS. J. RIDENOUR, Education Specialist, M.B. ANTONELLI, FCC Warden, PAUL ADAMS, FCI Warden, A. GARCIA, Associate Warden, MS. M. THOMKIS, Education Supervisor, and MS. M. BLUEMLING, Education Specialist,

Defendants.

ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Currently before the Court is a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") entered by United States Magistrate Judge Robert W. Trumble on December 10, 2020. ECF No. 28. Therein, Magistrate Judge Trumble recommends that the pro se Plaintiff's two motions for injunctions [ECF Nos. 23 & 24] be denied because the Plaintiff failed to meet the four-part test for injunctive relief set forth in Winter v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., 555 U.S. 7 (2008). ECF No. 28 at 3. On January 11, 2021, the Plaintiff filed objections to the R&R. ECF No. 30. On February 8, 2021, the Plaintiff filed a Motion for Leave for Excess Pages [ECF No. 33], wherein he moves the Court to grant him leave to file an additional 70 pages to support his objections.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636, a party may object to the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations by timely filing written objections. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C).

Under this Court's Local Rules of Prisoner Litigation Procedure, the written objections must identify each portion of the magistrate judge's recommended disposition that is being challenged and must specify the basis for each objection. LR PL P 12(b). The Court will then conduct a de novo review of "those portions of the report . . . to which objection is made[,]" and "may accept, reject, or modify in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate." 28 U.S.C. 636(b)(1)(C); see also Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 150 (1985) (stating that the Court is not required to review, under a de novo or any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge to which no objection is made).

However, the Court is not required to review objections to the magistrate judge's R&R that are not made with "sufficient specificity so as reasonably to alert the district court of the true ground for the objection." <u>United States v. Midgette</u>, 478 F.3d 616, 622 (4th Cir. 2007). Thus, "[w]hen a party does make objections, but the[] objections are so general or conclusory that they fail to direct the district court to any specific error by the magistrate judge," the party waives his right to de novo review. <u>Green v. Rubenstein</u>, 644 F. Supp. 2d 723, 730 (S.D. W. Va. 2009). Objections that do not call the Court's attention to "any specific error by the magistrate judge" are vague and conclusory, and do not merit review by the Court. <u>Id.</u>

Here, the Plaintiff's objections do not specifically challenge any portion of the R&R as required by 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C) and Local Rule 12(b) of Prisoner Litigation Procedure.¹ The Plaintiff merely summarizes the case's procedural history and the

The Court notes that the Plaintiff did not cite to the R&R at any point in his objections, nor does he

arguments made in the two motions for preliminary injunctions.² ECF No. 30 at 1–3. He attached four exhibits comprising of two "Sworn Affidavits/Declarations of [the Plaintiff]" and three letters he sent to the U.S. Department of Justice [ECF Nos. 30-1, -2, -3 & -4], which also all fail to specifically challenge any portion of the R&R. Because the Plaintiff presents no specific objections, this Court will review the R&R for clear error.

Upon careful review of the R&R, it is the opinion of this Court that Magistrate Judge
Trumble's Report and Recommendation [ECF No. 28] should be, and is hereby,

ORDERED ADOPTED for the reasons more fully stated therein. Therefore, the

Plaintiff's two motions seeking preliminary injunctions [ECF Nos. 23 & 24] are DENIED.

The Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to File Excess Pages [ECF No. 33] is further DENIED AS

MOOT.

The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to mail a copy of this Order to the Plaintiff by certified mail, return receipt requested, at his last known address as reflected on the docket sheet.

DATED: February 11, 2021

GINA M. GROH

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

address any of Magistrate Judge Trumble's findings or recommendations.

Objections to Magistrate Judge Trumble's R&R were due within fourteen plus three days of service. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b). The pro se Plaintiff accepted service on December 28, 2020. ECF No. 29. The Plaintiff filed his objections on January 11, 2021. ECF No. 30. For the purposes of this Order, the Court finds that the Plaintiff timely filed his objections.